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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by: (PS)

AN ACT REQUIRING THE COLLECTION OF DNA FROM PERSONS ARRESTED FOR A SERIOUS FELONY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 54-102g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- 3 (a) Any person who is arrested on or after the effective date of this
- 4 section for the commission of a serious felony offense shall, prior to
- 5 release from custody and at such time as the law enforcement agency
- 6 that arrested such person may specify, submit to the taking of a blood
- 7 or other biological sample for DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) analysis to
- 8 <u>determine identification characteristics specific to the person.</u>
- 9 [(a)] (b) Any person who has been convicted of a criminal offense
- 10 against a victim who is a minor, a nonviolent sexual offense or a
- sexually violent offense, as those terms are defined in section 54-250, or
- 12 a felony, and has been sentenced on that conviction to the custody of
- 13 the Commissioner of Correction, and who has not submitted to the
- 14 taking of a blood or other biological sample pursuant to subsection (a)
- of this section with respect to such offense, shall, prior to release from

16 custody and at such time as the commissioner may specify, submit to 17 the taking of a blood or other biological sample for DNA 18 [(deoxyribonucleic acid)] analysis to determine identification 19 characteristics specific to the person. If any person required to submit 20 to the taking of a blood or other biological sample pursuant to this 21 subsection refuses to do so, the Commissioner of Correction or the 22 commissioner's designee shall notify the Department of Public Safety 23 within thirty days of such refusal for the initiation of criminal 24 proceedings against such person.

[(b)] (c) Any person who is convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor, a nonviolent sexual offense or a sexually violent offense, as those terms are defined in section 54-250, or a felony and is not sentenced to a term of confinement, and who has not submitted to the taking of a blood or other biological sample pursuant to subsection (a) of this section with respect to such offense, shall, as a condition of such sentence and at a time and place specified by the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Department, submit to the taking of a blood or other biological sample for DNA [(deoxyribonucleic acid)] analysis to determine identification characteristics specific to the person.

[(c)] (d) Any person who has been found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13 of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor, a nonviolent sexual offense or a sexually violent offense, as those terms are defined in section 54-250, or a felony [,] and is in custody as a result of that finding, and who has not submitted to the taking of a blood or other biological sample pursuant to subsection (a) of this section with respect to such offense, shall, prior to discharge from custody in accordance with subsection (e) of section 17a-582, section 17a-588 or subsection (g) of section 17a-593 and at such time as the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services or the Commissioner of Developmental Services with whom such person has been placed may specify, submit to the taking of a blood or other biological sample for DNA

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[(deoxyribonucleic acid)] analysis determine identification to characteristics specific to the person.

[(d)] (e) Any person who has been convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor, a nonviolent sexual offense or a sexually violent offense, as those terms are defined in section 54-250, or a felony, and is serving a period of probation or parole, and who has not submitted to the taking of a blood or other biological sample pursuant to subsection (a), (b), [or] (c) or (d) of this section, shall, prior to discharge from the custody of the Court Support Services Division or the Department of Correction and at such time as said division or department may specify, submit to the taking of a blood or other biological sample for DNA [(deoxyribonucleic acid)] analysis to determine identification characteristics specific to the person.

[(e)] (f) Any person who has been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect in any other state or jurisdiction of a felony or of any crime, the essential elements of which are substantially the same as a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor, a nonviolent sexual offense or a sexually violent offense, as those terms are defined in section 54-250, and is in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction, is under the supervision of the Judicial Department or the Board of Pardons and Paroles or is under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board, and who has not submitted to the taking of a blood or other biological sample pursuant to subsection (a) of this section with respect to the offense that caused such person to be in such custody or under such supervision or jurisdiction, shall, prior to discharge from such custody, supervision or jurisdiction submit to the taking of a blood or other biological sample for DNA [(deoxyribonucleic acid)] analysis to determine identification characteristics specific to the person.

[(f)] (g) The analysis shall be performed by the Division of Scientific Services within the Department of Public Safety. The identification characteristics of the profile resulting from the DNA analysis shall be

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- stored and maintained by the division in a DNA data bank and shall be made available only as provided in section 54-102j.
 - [(g)] (h) Any person who refuses to submit to the taking of a blood or other biological sample pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a class D felony. Any person required to submit to the taking of a blood or other biological sample pursuant to subsection (b) of this section who refuses to submit to the taking of such sample within five business days of the time specified by the Court Support Services Division may be arrested pursuant to a warrant issued under section 54-2a.
- 91 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 54-102h of the general statutes is 92 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 93 October 1, 2011):
 - (a) (1) The collection of a blood or other biological sample from persons required to submit to the taking of such sample pursuant to subsection (a) of section 54-102g, as amended by this act, shall be the responsibility of the agency in whose custody or under whose supervision such person has been placed, and shall be taken prior to release from custody and at a time and place specified by the agency.
 - [(1)] (2) The collection of a blood or other biological sample from persons required to submit to the taking of such sample pursuant to subsection [(a)] (b) of section 54-102g, as amended by this act, shall be the responsibility of the Department of Correction and shall be taken at a time and place specified by the Department of Correction.
 - [(2)] (3) The collection of a blood or other biological sample from persons required to submit to the taking of such sample pursuant to subsection [(b)] (c) of section 54-102g, as amended by this act, shall be the responsibility of the Judicial Department and shall be taken at a time and place specified by the Court Support Services Division.
- 110 [(3)] (4) The collection of a blood or other biological sample from

persons required to submit to the taking of such sample pursuant to subsection [(c)] (d) of section 54-102g, as amended by this act, shall be the responsibility of the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services or the Commissioner of Developmental Services, as the case may be, and shall be taken at a time and place specified by said commissioner.

[(4)] (5) The collection of a blood or other biological sample from persons required to submit to the taking of such sample pursuant to subsection [(d)] (e) of section 54-102g, as amended by this act, shall be the responsibility of the Judicial Department if such person is serving a period of probation and of the Department of Correction if such person is serving a period of parole and shall be taken at a time and place specified by the Court Support Services Division or the Department of Correction, as the case may be.

[(5)] (6) The collection of a blood or other biological sample from persons required to submit to the taking of such sample pursuant to subsection [(e)] (f) of section 54-102g, as amended by this act, shall be the responsibility of the agency in whose custody or under whose supervision such person has been placed, and shall be taken at a time and place specified by such agency.

Sec. 3. Section 54-102*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2011):

(a) A person whose DNA profile has been included in the data bank pursuant to sections 54-102g to 54-102k, inclusive, as amended by this act, may request expungement on the grounds that (1) the criminal conviction or the finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect on which the authority for including the person's DNA profile was based has been reversed and the case dismissed, or (2) such DNA profile has been included in the data bank pursuant to subsection (a) of section 54-102g, as amended by this act, and the charge has been dismissed or nolled or the person has been acquitted of the charge.

142 (b) The State Police Forensic Science Laboratory shall purge all 143 records and identifiable information in the data bank pertaining to the 144 person and destroy all samples from the person upon receipt of [(1)] a 145 written request for expungement pursuant to this section [,] and [(2)] a 146 certified copy of (1) the court order reversing and dismissing the 147 conviction or the finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or 148 defect, or (2) the court order dismissing or nolling the charge or 149 acquitting the person of the charge, as the case may be.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	54-102g
Sec. 2	October 1, 2011	54-102h(a)
Sec. 3	October 1, 2011	54-102 <i>l</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To provide law enforcement agencies with DNA analysis for its potential use in preventing crimes, solving cold cases and exonerating arrested persons who are innocent.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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